

SS HCS HB 1806 -- COUNTY CLASSIFICATIONS AND ANNEXATIONS BY  
CERTAIN CITIES

This bill increases the assessed valuation thresholds for a county to move into a higher classification. The minimum assessed valuation threshold for counties of the first classification is increased from \$600 million to \$900 million and from \$450 million to \$600 million for counties of the second classification. All counties with an assessed valuation of less than \$600 million will be third classification counties.

The governing body of any county of the second classification which, on August 28, 2010, has had an assessed valuation of at least \$600 million for at least one year may, by resolution of the county governing body, elect to become a county of the first classification after it has maintained that valuation for the period of time required under Section 48.030, RSMo. Currently, this applies only to the counties of Christian, Lincoln, Newton, and St. Francois.

The required assessed valuation thresholds for a change in county classification will be increased each year by an amount equal to the percentage change in the annual average of the federal Consumer Price Index or zero, whichever is greater. The State Tax Commission must calculate and publish the amount so that it is available to all counties.

The bill allows a municipality to annex a parcel of land within a research, development, or office park project located in an unincorporated area of the county if the parcel is compact and contiguous to the existing boundaries of the municipality and the municipality obtains the written consent of all the property owners within the unincorporated area of the parcel.

The City of Byrnes Mill is prohibited from annexing any property adjacent to the city if there are no registered voters residing on the property unless the city has obtained the written consent of all the property owners within the adjacent property.

The bill contains an emergency clause.